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-- An engineered fibre reinforced cement product including a first major surface to which a carbonation reducing sealer is applied and a second generally opposing major surface to which a carbonation reducing sealer is applied, so as to reduce propensity for differential carbonation in the product. A method of manufacturing a durable fibre reinforced cement product, said method comprising steps of: (e) mixing a wet fibre reinforced cement formulation; (f) forming from said formulation a green product defining first and second generally opposing major surfaces; (g) curing the green product to form a cured product; and (h) applying a carbonation reducing sealer to said first and second major surfaces, so as to reduce propensity for differential carbonation in the product. An engineered fibre reinforced cement product including a first major surface with a reduced propensity to differential carbonation, wherein the product has a cement to silica ratio of between 0.29 to ~~and~~ around 0.51 and a porosity of between 25% to ~~and~~ around 45%. --